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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

During September 2009, the Southern Command's average response time to the 956 crashes investigated, increased from 11 to 13 minutes as compared to September 2008 (an 18% increase), and remains the same as compared to August 2009. Total violations decreased from 15,066 to 13,669 as compared to August 2009 (a 9% decrease). The decrease in staffing resources resulting from mandated furloughs has contributed to the above changes in service and enforcement.

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Southern Command personnel handled 956 crashes in September 2009. Of these, 696 were property damage, 255 were injury, and 5 were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 8.1 % compared to last year. When compared to last year, fatalities remained the same at 5. 43 of these crashes involved commercial vehicles 6 resulted in injuries. The remaining 35 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.5% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.2% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

Although the Southern Command currently has 47 "sworn" vacancies, we continue to train 17 newly assigned Troopers throughout Southern Nevada. 6 of the 9 Public Safety Dispatchers hired this past spring have successfully completed training and are assigned to shifts within the communications center. The addition of 17 new Troopers and 6 PS Dispatchers will prove critical to our continued efforts toward mission.

The annual NASCAR Camping World Truck series race was held at LVMS on September 26, 2009. The Highway Patrol Division participated with local law enforcement in providing traffic control and event security under contract service with LVMS without significant incident.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	Sept -09		Sept-08	% Change		Aug-09	% Change
Total crashes	956		1040	-8.1%		1166	-18.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	696		751	-7.3%		854	-18.5%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	255		284	-10.2%		306	-16.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	5		5	0.0%		6	-16.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	40		48	-16.7%		53	-24.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		6	0.0%		7	-14.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		3	-66.7%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		2	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		0	200.0%		1	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	43		58	-25.9%		67	-35.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	35		50	-30.0%		51	-31.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6		8	-25.0%		15	-60.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.5%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 25.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.5%
- ✱ Total crashes down 8.1% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 25.9% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes remained the same from the same time as last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Sep-09	Sep-08	% Change	Aug-09	% Change
<b>TRAFFIC OPERATIONS</b>					
DUI arrests from crashes ##	40	48	-16.7%	53	-24.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	148	159	-6.9%	178	-16.9%
Other arrests	774	822	-5.8%	1255	-38.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	336	344	-2.3%	414	-18.8%
Speed violations	3443	3577	-3.7%	4156	-17.2%
Hazardous moving violations	2049	2028	1.0%	2155	-4.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	496	622	-20.3%	424	17.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	13669	10485	30.4%	11504	18.8%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	229	88	160.2%	79	189.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	262	203	29.1%	320	-18.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	751	775	-3.1%	745	0.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	9	19	-52.6%	23	-60.9%
Total safety violations -- citation	586	260	125.4%	346	69.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2587	1169	121.3%	1374	88.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	172	75	129.3%	79	117.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	108	44	145.5%	43	151.2%
Total school buses inspected	402	200	101.0%	372	8.1%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	52	28	85.7%	35	48.6%
Total trucks weighed	992	56	1671.1%	1005	-1.3%
Total overweight citations	24	26	-7.7%	14	71.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	496	625	-20.6%	602	-17.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

<b>COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</b>	Urban Ops	Rural Ops	Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0	21	0
Safety Violations Citation	0	4	0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0	34	0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0	1	0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0	7	0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0	0	0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32.90 years old.
- ✱ None of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 6 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	Sept 2009	Sept 2008	% Change	Aug 2009	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	351,254	437,272	-19.7%	344,236	-1.2%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	System dwn	1,800,475	N/A	System dwn	N/A
CAD Incidents	25,108	24,112	4.1%	25264	-4.1%
Telephone Calls	32,834	32,003	2.6%	36519	-1.6%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	27	63	-57.1%	N/A	8.0%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	1,027	1,237	-17.0%	1,215	-15.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	354	353	0.3%	482	-26.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17	16	-26.1%	22	-22.7%
Vehicle Impound Releases	81	160	-49.4%	110	-26.4%
Visitors at Counter	857	1,021	-10.0%	1,003	-14.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,447	6,233	-60.7%	6,129	-60.1%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	1,052	606	73.6%	646	62.8%
Warrants Entered	545	167	226.3%	376	44.9%
Warrants Cleared	498	214	132.7%	455	9.5%
Warrants Validated	2,057	8	25612.5%	40	5042.5%
Extradition / Transports	27	16	68.8%	13	107.7%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>					
New Cases Submitted	83	62	33.9%	83	0.0%
New Items Submitted	224	148	51.4%	180	9.2%
Items Disposed	28	48	-41.7%	17	29.2%

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## EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 83.14% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 13.25% of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 3.61 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

## CONTRACT SERVICES

- 11 Contracts using 413.45 hours, billed in the amount of \$37,828.11

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
967	0	65	7	6

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
716	498	0	0	0	0

### PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Use of Seatbelt Convincer.
4. Continued research and information gathering on DPS Courage to Live Program
5. Attorney General's Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving (AGACID)
6. Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition
7. NDOT / Cal Trans IR15 corridor meetings
8. Community service appearances:
  - Schools:
    - Silverado HS
    - Arbor View HS
    - Palo Verde HS
    - Las Vegas HS
    - Bishop Gorman HS

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 8 missions accounting for 28.9 total flight hours. Refer below for a brief description of activity.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
8	28.9	70	Speed Enforcement
1	7.4	18	Prisoner transports (Instate)
1	1	2	Line Patrol
1	4.1	10	Travel for Promotional Testing

An OPS 2 (maintenance check) was completed by Lone Mountain Aviation. Two discrepancies were found. The nose gear actuator piston and trim actuator needs to be replaced. Both items will be changed during the next scheduled maintenance check.

The pilot flew to Carson City for a Lieutenant promotional exam on September 25.

The aircraft was utilized for two instate prisoner transports.

The aircraft conducted line patrol over SR 156 (Lee canyon), 157(Kyle canyon), 158(Mount Charleston).

A total of 8 enforcement missions were flown for the month. On September 29 and 30, the aircraft was utilized for "Badge on Board" operations. The aircraft's role focused on identifying and ticketing aggressive driver's operating around commercial motor vehicles. 25 vehicles non commercial vehicles were stopped for excessive speed. Our top speed was 101 mph, a red Dodge Charger near I-15 Primm area. One driver, stopped for 97mph was arrested for DUI/Drug charges. Their vehicle was impounded. 7 drivers received additional citations; they were cited for no current proof of insurance, change of address and registration violations. 2 drivers yielded to the left side of the roadway instead of the right upon being stopped.

Scheduled Missions	2
Added Missions	4
Badge On Board Missions Flown	2

The table below contains a brief description of enforcement activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	196
Hazardous	7
Non-Hazardous	41
Seatbelts	6